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File No. 49-25

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Serial Nos.

Four.

Part B for November 1926.

SUBJECT

Re

The change of the name of "The Lunatic Asylum" into "Mental Hospital."

To

M^r. M^r. Abbas Khan.

" G. Perama Sivaaya

No. G 4012-3/15/16/10/26

States that orders have been issued approving

the change of name in G.O. No. G 4016
To The Senior Surgeon
The Secy. M.A. & L.A. 15/16/10/26
17/11/28. No. G 4014-5. Also a copy of the above.

June 1926.

Med 49-25-29

RESOLUTIONS,

18. "This Council recommends to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja that the name of the Lunatic Asylum at Bangalore be changed to "The Mental Diseases Hospital".

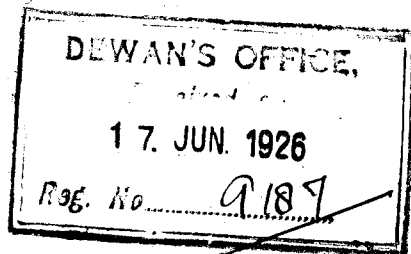
Movers...Messrs.Mahomed Abbas Khan and C.Paramasiviah.

The question of changing the name of the institution was recommended to Govt by the Senior Surgeon in 1921 and that officer has told that it would be appropriate to do so when a new building for the Asylum was constructed and that the proposal may therefore be deferred till then. The present Senior Surgeon ~~subd for orders~~ ^{suggested} had also ~~recommended~~ a change of name in connection with the proposed opening of an out-patient dept. in this ~~off~~ Hospital, but as, for want of funds, such a department could not be ordered to be opened, ~~there was no~~

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were passed on this
subject. Subd for
orders.
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As a new building is not
likely to be constructed for the
Asylum early the name may
perhaps be changed now

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When this resolution
was considered in
Council, it was decided
that it may be accepted
if the name changed

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will be issued after
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accepted at the Council
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member after the res. is formally
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See Senior Surgeon

No. 330

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Calls for his opinion on the
proposal to change the name of the
Lunatic Asylum to Mental
Diseases Hospital.

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no. 65-1 of 31.7.26.

Requests that the name of the "Sanir
Asylum" Bangalore, may be changed
into "Mental Diseases Hospital",
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the change of name is likely to affect some
of the regulations applying to lunatics &
action may have to be taken in the Dep. Dpt.
of app? The L & L Socy will be consulted
Joint-Memba.

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14 This case shd just be
dealt with for change in
'Mental Hospital' which is
the ~~name~~ used in England, Madras
& Bombay, & the name recommended
by Dr M. & Dr A. into
'Mental Diseases Hosp' I am
surprised that neither L.S. nor
Secy noted this & we have to follow
high precedents in such matters
be

in summary
& draft.

15 I hope we shd devise a suitable
& simple Kannada
name also in place of
present name

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is necessary before the name can be changed with
respect to the L & L. See with the consulting

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LL Sect might be suggested.
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Hospital - Mess A & B.
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as per high precedents.

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19 This may be done ~~noting similar~~
~~one issued under~~ under Sec 62 of
our Rev similar to one issued in Bombay
the same may be issued ~~similarly~~
18th Sept 7

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21 Four draft rules for
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drafts may issue blos the amendment of
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the amendment is made.
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For perusal.

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Secretariat.

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General and Revenue
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to be as per personal
instructions rules for
consideration

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Final copies of ofts, and offt
final note & offt sub note
are subd as desired.

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28) As the matter affects legislation
subn to Ht would seem to be necessary
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See D.F.N. in app

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Final note signed by the Member.
First member R.N.

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DEWAN'S OFFICE.

Received on

28. SEP. 1926

Reg. No.

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Subject:—

Change of name of the Lunatic Asylum into "Mental Hospital".

At the Budget Session of the meeting of the Legislative Council of 1926 Messrs. Mahmad Abbas Khan and G. Paramasiviah, brought up for consideration a resolution to the effect that the name of the "Lunatic Asylum", Bangalore, might be changed to the "Mental Diseases Hospital".

The Senior Surgeon who was consulted in the matter reported that the name of the institution might be changed to "Mental Hospital" in view of the fact that this name has been adopted in the Madras and Bombay Presidencies.

The Dewan has also approved of the change of name. As the Mysore Lunacy Regulation and the rules thereunder have to be amended before the name could be changed as above, necessary action will be taken to amend these.

The draft of an order proposed to be issued in the matter is submitted for the gracious approval of His Highness.

Bangalore,
27th September 1926.

K. K. Kandy
MEMBER OF COUNCIL.

Submitted to His Highness.



I submit herewith a Final Note by the...First...

Member of Council on the subject of...the...change...of...the

name of the "Lunatic Asylum", Bangalore, to "Mental

Hospital",

for His Highness' gracious approval.

Mirza M. Ismail

Dewan.

28-9-26

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Subject.

no 306
28-9-26

Change of the name of the "Lunatic
Asylum", Bangalore, to "Mental Hospital"

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Order.

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For perusal

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To
Jr. Senior Surgeon
Jr. S.A. & Police
Jr. Secy. & Ls
Jr. H. Mages & Ls
Jr. Registrar, Ch. Court,
Jr. Comptroller & Govt,
Jr. Secy, R.A. and G.C.
No. 4016-36 dt 16.10.26
Approves & the change of the name
of the "Lunatic Asylum" into "Mental
Hospital".

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To
Mr. Ind. Abbarthian,
Mr. G. Paramasivam,
No. 4012-3 dt 16.10.26
States that orders have issued
approving & the change of the name
into Mental Hospital.

To
Jr. Senior Surgeon
Jr. Secy R.A. and G.C.
No. 4014-5 dt 16.10.26
Forwards a copy of the above.

Press Sub
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Cf. 11/11/26

SUBJECT.....

Diary No. of letter replied to... 6180

Section *Med*File No. *49-25*Serial No. *36*No. *4330*

General and Revenue Secretariat

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To

*The Senior Surgeon
in Mysore, Bangalore.*

Date of issue.....

13/7/26

Signed by.....

*Mr. M. V. S.**Sir,*

At the last meeting of the Legislative Council it was ^{by some members} proposed to move a Resolution to the effect that the name of the present Asylum at Bangalore be changed to the Mental Diseases Hospital. I am

over

List of enclosures.....

Copied by.....

Examined by.....

directed to request
you to be so good
as forward Govt.
With your opinion
on the proposed, set
an early date,
I remain
Yours truly

Very to Govt, ^{Ind}
Mildred H. H. H.

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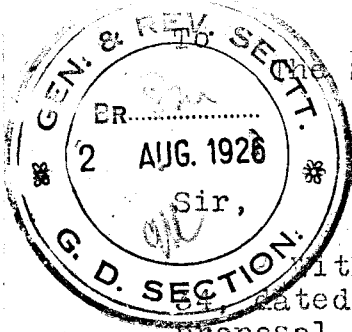
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Office of the Senior Surgeon in Mysore,
Bangalore, dated 31st July 1926.

No. 40104
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From

Med 49-25-53

The Senior Surgeon
with the Government of Mysore,
Bangalore.



The Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Medical & Agricultural Supplies, Bangalore.

Sir,
With reference to your letter No.G.330/Med. 49-25-
dated 13th July 1926, calling for my opinion on the
proposal of changing the name of the "Lunatic Asylum" to
the "Mental Diseases Hospital", I have the honour to in-
vite a kind reference to the correspondence, which ended
with letter No. G. 19809 Med. 142-20-2, dated 20th April
1920, from the Secretary to Revenue Department, in which
the proposal regarding the change of name was ordered to
lie over, on the ground that a mere change of name to suit
~~to~~ modern ideas, without corresponding improvements to the
buildings also on modern lines, would be inappropriate,
and to state that the change of name from "Lunatic Asylum"
to "Mental Hospital," which involves ~~to~~ no expense to
Government, may be sanctioned if there be no objection, in
view of the fact that the new name has been adopted in
Madras and Bombay.

Copies of the Madras and Bombay Government Orders,
in the matter, are also herewith enclosed for the informa-
tion of Government.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

W. W. Moore
Senior Surgeon.

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G.O. No. 692 P.H., Mis., dated 9th June 1923,
Government of Madras, Local Self Government Department.

Read the following paper:-

From the Surgeon-General No. Ref. 318-2-G./23,
dated 28th March 1923.

O r d e r.

The Government are pleased to direct that the designation of "Lunatic Asylums" in this Presidency be changed into "Mental Hospitals."

2. The following Notification will be published in the Fort St. George Gazette.

N o t i f i c a t i o n.

In exercise of the powers conferred by Sub Section (1) (1) of section 91 of the Indian Lunacy Act, 1913, (IV of 1912) as amended by Act. XII of 1916 and Act VI of 1922, the Local Government are pleased to direct that the following amendments be made in the rules issued by them under the Act.

A m e n d m e n t s .

For the words "Asylums" and "Lunatic Asylums" wherever they occur, the words "Mental Hospital" shall be substituted.

For the words "an Asylum" wherever they occur, the words "a Mental Hospital" shall be substituted.

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Notifications of Government of Bombay.

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General Department.
Secretariat, Fort, Bombay, 26th May 1921.

No. 2257(a) - In accordance with section 3 (1) of the Indian Lunacy Act, 1912, IV of 1912, as amended by Section 2 (a) of Act VI of 1922, the Government of Bombay are pleased to direct that the designations of the Central Lunatic Asylum, Yeravada, and other Lunatic Asylums in the Presidency should hereafter be changed to "The Central Mental Hospital, Yeravada," and "Mental Hospitals," respectively.

By Order of the Government of Bombay. .
(Transferred Department.)

sd. J.C.Ker,
Secretary to Govt.

General Department.
Secretariat, Fort, Bombay, 26th May 1921.

No. 2257(b) - In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 91 of the Indian Lunacy Act, 1912 (IV of 1912) and in modification of Government Notification in the General department No. 322, dated the 19th October 1920, as subsequently amended, the Government of Bombay is pleased to amend the rules for the administration of the said Act in the Bombay Presidency as follows,

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Lunatic asylums. Change ~~in~~ designation of -----
to Mental Hospitals.

Government of Bombay.

General Department,
Resolution No. 2257
Secretariat, Fort, Bombay,
dated 26th May 1922.

Letter from the Superintendent, Central Lunatic Asylum, Yeravada, to the Surgeon General with the Government of Bombay, No. 1935, dated the 16th July 1920:-

" I have the honour to invite your attention to the great desirability of changing the name "Lunatic Asylum" or "Asylum" to "Mental Hospital."

" I have proposed this change before in my No. 944, dated 20th May 1916, and the Surgeon General supported the proposal strongly in his No. C. 1275, dated 23rd September 1926. The Government of India, after ascertaining the views of Local Governments and Administrations, decided not to proceed with the proposal, vide the letter from the Government of India, No. 161, dated the 30th May 1927. In spite of the above Government Resolution, the Surgeon General in his No. C. 1046, dated 6th June

1913, refers to the term "Lunatic Asylum" as a "Bad one". I put the matter up again in my No. 1463, dated 8th August 1917, but the Surgeon General, in his No.C.1306, dated 22nd August 1917, considered that it was then too early to re-open the subject.

" I may mention that, since my proposal, the present Director General, Indian Medical Service, has informed me that he is in agreement with the proposed change of title and has asked me to re-open the subject. "

"i. I would invite attention to the fact that when the views of the various Local Governments, etc., were ascertained in 1916, they were based on the views of the Superintendents of the various asylums. With three exceptions these Superintendents were not, at that time, owing to war exigencies, whole-time Superintendents, or in any sense specialists in Psychiatry, and could have had no great experience of the treatment of mental diseases. The two specialist Superintendents took my view of the matter but we were necessarily in a minority. The Civil Surgeon of Agra, who was officiating for the whole-time Superintendent of Agra Asylum, expressed his views as follows to the Inspector-General of Civil Hospitals, United Provinces.:-

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"With reference to your office endorsement No.294, dated the 9th January 1917, forwarding copy of Govt. Order No. 5137-VI-1393, dated the 23rd December 1916, asking for an expression of opinion on the proposal that the designation "Lunatic Asylum" should be changed to "Mental Hospital", I have the honour to inform you that the designation "Mental Hospital" has most probably arisen in connection with the scheme recently started in England for the treatment of mental premonitory symptoms in people who are in no way insane. To try and bring Indian asylums into which lunatics are only sent when they are a danger and a public nuisance under these conditions is absurd. To change the European nomenclature will in no way change the Indian term of "Pagal Khana". To put this scheme into practical operation we should require at least a hundred times the present accommodation, but public opinion would not support such an innovation, and I would therefore recommend that the idea be abandoned as hopelessly unpracticable."

" A similar line of reasoning based on wrong premises was what probably actuated the others who shared his views. It is of course diametrically opposed to the general modern conception of the asylum as a hospital for the treatment of mental diseases.

"The Civil Surgeon's statement that "lunatics are only sent to Indian Asylums when they are a danger and a public nuisance is of course incorrect."

" The arguments contained in his next paragraph is not easy to grasp; surely a "Pagalkhana" can serve the purpose of a Hospital as easily as it can be a place for the detention of lunatics who are " a danger and a public nuisance"; and the term " Pagal Hospital." is already widely used by the more ignorant Indian classes to which the latter apparently only refers. He does not, however, I presume, intend to convey the idea that the nomenclature adopted by this class should have effect in guiding lunacy administration in India.

He concludes with a calculation as to the amount of increase of accommodation the change of name would involve, which is excessive and fanciful, and which I ~~could~~^{can} not endorse.

2. It cannot be denied that it has been long proved and universally recognised that insanity is disease, just as pneumonia for instance, and that it calls for appropriate treatment in special hospitals. It is also well known that a certain number of doctors specialise in the treatment of this form of disease.

The days when it was considered a visitation of God or a possession by the devil have gone by for some time, but the name "Lunatic Asylum" for the place in India in which such persons were imprisoned for the safety of the public, remains, as also, in the public mind, the ideas associated with the name. So vivid are these associated ideas, that it is a common occurrence for persons bringing in a patient, to ask if they may send him certain patent medicines, and surprise is expressed when it is explained that treatment is provided and that the institution is in fact a Hospital. I have also been frequently asked by relative of incoming patients whether any hospitals

for such patients exists in India and I know that this is a provision for which there is a persistent demand on the part of the more educated classes of India.

The Lunacy Act (IV of 1912), Section 4 (1) refers to special treatment given in such institutions, but this slight reference is, I think, the only one in the Act except that one may reasonably infer that patients sent in under section 5-11 are admitted for special treatment as they need not be either "dangerous" or cruelly treated" or "not under proper care and control". Section 5-11 are moulded on the English procedure for the admission of private cases", and their inclusion in the Act of 1912 must undoubtedly have been meant to point out the fact that the asylum is a hospital for the treatment of such cases, as it is in England.

In 1905-06 specialist whole-time Superintendents were required for the Central Asylums of India and the Alienist Department was started, and this fact certainly conveyed the idea that such asylums were to be hospitals for mental disease after the European and American pattern.

3. As pointed out in my No.944, dated 20th May 1916, what was long ago Bethlam Asylum in London is

"Bethlam Royal Hospital" and the old country asylums are "Country Mental Hospitals". ~~Asylums are country mental hospitals~~ In America also these ~~asylums~~ institutions are designated ~~as~~ @ "Hospitals".

4. The present common conception of asylums as prisons for lunatics undoubtedly interferes with proper treatment of the insane in this country and particularly so by the fact that it tends to prevent early treatment, which is all -important. Cases of mental disease are kept at home, and treated with quack medicines and charms, mainly because the relatives do not realise that an "Asylum" is also a "Hospital". They are sent to an Asylum as a rule incurable, after some years, only when the family have given up hope of recovery, and because the patient has become too unmanageable in his home. In some cases when the relatives have learnt that such cases received treatment in an asylum they may come under treatment earlier, but in my experience in the very large majority of cases too late for good recovery.

It is, I think, time that this conception of the Asylum as a hospital for the ⁵insane should be clearly stated in India, in such a manner as to be understood by the public

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The whole trend of psychiatric administration for some years has been to secure the recognition of yearly symptoms, and so bring patients under treatment as soon as possible. In India there exists a fear of Asylums due to the idea that once a person is considered "mad" he must be taken by the police and shut up for the rest of his life in an asylum, and it is, I am afraid, natural under the circumstances that such ideas should obtain among the general public. These ideas, I am convinced, can be corrected only by the abolition of the term "Asylum-" Were this done the existing district asylums, which are not under the care of Whole-Time officers, could I think be satisfactorily utilised for the accommodation of ~~chronic~~ chronic insanes.

II. Memorandum. from the Surgeon General with the Government of Bombay No. C. 1702, dated the 30th August 1920.

"Submitted to Government in the General Department. Attention is invited to paragraph 3 of Surgeon General's letter No. C. 1275, dated 23rd September 1916. With the views expressed therein I entirely agree and strongly recommend the change of nomenclature."

III Government Memorandum. to the Surgeon General

with the Government of Bombay, No. 9716, dated the 17th September ~~1920~~ 1920. -----

Memorandum from the Surgeon General with the Government of Bombay, No. C. 2039, dated the 18th October 1920.

Letter to the Government of India, Home Department (medical) No. 11131, dated the 1st November 1920.--

" I am directed to refer to the correspondence ending with the Home Department (Medical) letter No.151, dated the 30th May 1917, negating the proposal made by this Government to change the designation "Lunatic Asylum" to "Mental Hospital"

2. I am now to forward a copy of letter No. 1935, dated the 16th July 1920, from Major W.S.J.Shaw, M.D., I.M.S., Superintendent, Central Lunatic Asylum, Yeravada, Poona, and to request that for the reasons stated therein, the Government of India may be moved to reconsider their decision..

Letter from the Government of India, Home Department, No.F.88-Jails, dated the 19th July 1921.

Letter from the Superintendent, Central Asylum, Yeravada to the Surgeon General with the Government of Bombay, Poona, No. 639, dated the 3rd March 1922.

" With reference to correspondence ending with this

ending with this office No. 3775, dated the 19th December 1921, I have the honour to invite attention to the fact that the change of name from "Asylum" to "Mental Hospital" has now been legalised by the Government India and the necessary change effect in the Indian Lunacy Act IV of 1912. The change of name has been presumably made as the result of representation made by this office ending with No. 1935, dated the 16th July 1920, which representations reached the Government of India with the approval of the Surgeon-General and the Government of Bombay (vide No. F. 88 Jails, dated 19th July 1921, from the additional Deputy Secretary to the Government of India to the Secretary to the Government of Bombay, General Department)"

I have therefore the honour to hope that the change of name may be early effected in regard of this institution from "Central Asylum, Yeravada" to "Central Mental Hospital, Yeravada".

Memorandum from the Surgeon General with the Government of Bombay No. C. 563, dated the 4th April 1922:

The Surgeon General recommend that the designation of all the lunatic Asylums in the Presidency should be

should be ~~changed~~ changed to "Mental Hospitals."

Memorandum from the Remembrancer of Legal Affairs,
No. 1036, dated the 15th May 1922.-

"AS it is proposed that the lunatic asylums should be designated mental hospitals, the corresponding change is necessary in the rules framed under Section 91 of the Act. A draft notification making this change is appended."

Resolution.

The proposals of the Surgeon General for changing the designations of the "Central Lunatic Asylum, Yeravada," and other "Lunatic Asylums" in the Presidency to "Central Mental Hospital, Yeravada" and "Mental Hospitals", respectively, are approved.

2. The accompanying notification should be published in the Bombay Government Gazette.

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By Order of the Government of
Bombay.

(Transferred Department),

sd. S.N. Ziman,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

To

1. Md. Abbas Khan, Esq.,
Member, Leg. Council,
Muslim Hall Road,
Bangalore City.

2. G. Paramasivaiya, Esq., B.A., LL.B.,
Advocate,
Arlepet,
Bangalore City.

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Sir,

With reference to the resolution moved by you at the Budget Session of the Legislative Council in regard to the change of name of the Lunatic Asylum, Bangalore, I am directed to state that orders have issued approving of the change of the name of ~~the institution~~ into "Mental Hospital" as has been done in the Madras and Bombay Presidencies. ~~The change will take effect from the date of the amendment of the Mysore Lunacy Regulation and the rules thereunder.~~ ^{and action is being taken} ~~and action will be taken in this behalf early.~~ ^{have to be amended to give effect to the change}
I have, etc.,

Secy. to Government,

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Medical & Agricultural Departments.

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Copy to (1) Senior Surge

(2) The Secy, RA & LC

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Secy to Govt,
Med & Agrl Depts

Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

GENERAL AND REVENUE DEPARTMENTS.

G. O. No. G. 4016-36—Med. 49-25-65, dated 16th October 1926.

Lunatic Asylum.

Changes the name of — Bangalore, into “Mental Hospital.”

READ—

1. Resolution No. 18 moved by Messrs. Mahomed Abbas Khan and G. Paramasivaiya at the Budget Session of the Mysore Legislative Council, during June 1926, recommending that the name of the “Lunatic Asylum” at Bangalore, be changed to “Mental Diseases Hospital.”

2. Correspondence ending with letter No. G. C. 45-1, dated the 31st July 1926, from the Senior Surgeon in Mysore stating that the name of the institution may be changed into “Mental Hospital.”

ORDER NO. G. 4016-36—MED. 49-25-65, DATED 16TH OCTOBER 1926.

Government are pleased to approve of the change of the name of the “Lunatic Asylum” into “Mental Hospital.” As the change of name involves an amendment of the Mysore Lunacy Regulation and the Rules under the Regulation, necessary action will be taken early to amend the said Regulation accordingly.

R. RANGA RAO,

General Secretary to Government.

To—The Senior Surgeon in Mysore.

The Inspector-General of Police in Mysore,

The Deputy Commissioners of Districts,

The District Magistrates of Districts.

The Registrar of Chief Court of Mysore, with a covering letter.

The Comptroller to Government.

The Secretary, Representative Assembly and Legislative Council.

PRESS TABLE

EXD.—K. S.